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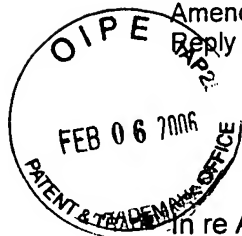
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Sir:

This paper is filed responsive to the Office action mailed January 18, 2006, which restricted the claims to following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-20.
- II. Claims 21-29.
- III. Claims 30-38.

Applicants provisionally elect to initially prosecute the Group I claims 1-20 with traverse. The reasoning used by the Examiner in subjecting the claims to a restriction requirement is to remove an element of the claims ("an intercalated nanoclay") and replacing with "zeolites". The problem with this approach is that Applicants are not claiming zeolites, but rather intercalated nanoclays. The Examiner, then is changing the language and scope of the claims in support of the restriction requirement; rather than comparing the claims as written. That is manifestly wrong. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement, then, respectfully is requested.

As an additional requirement, the Examiner has requested for search purposes Applicants to select a given polymer, a type of claim, a given control agent, and a given target species. Responsive to this requirement, Applicants select: polyurethanes (claim 14), montmorillonite (claim 9), bifenthrin (claim 15), and ants (claim 17). The claims that read on all of these species are: 1-5, 7, 9-12, 14, 15, 17-20.

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Should any outstanding matter been inadvertently overlooked, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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